



ALETHA FAYE SMITH KIRCHOFF

Ms. Aletha Faye Smith Kirchoff, age 77, passed away Tuesday, December 29, 2009 in Lockhart, Texas. Ms. Kirchoff was born July 15, 1932 in Weches, Texas to Lee Edgar and Faye Gilbert Smith.

She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She put herself through Business School and was a legal secretary for over 30 years in Midland, Texas and Austin, Texas. She worked for Stubbeman, McRae, Sealy and Laughlin. The name later changed to Bankston, Wright and Greenhill. She was lovingly called "Torchy" (for her red hair), Aunt Pete, Aunt Deat, Leafa and, of course, Mom and Mimi. She loved to travel all over the world. She went on many cruises with friends. She loved life, family, and friends.

Survivors include her one sister Sandra Sue Smith Hollingsworth, of Weches; two daughters Sherry Lynn Saragusa Schaefer and husband Larry R. Schaefer, of Lockhart and Kelly Jo Saragusa McEntee, of Austin; four grandchildren Jordan Schaefer, of Lockhart, Joshua Schaefer, of San Marcos, Miles McEntee and Taylor Rose McEntee, both of Austin; many nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by her husband Joseph Anthony Saragusa; parents Lee Edgar and Faye Gilbert Smith; and her beloved sisters Natha Lee Smith Tims and Moline Smith Sheffield.

Graveside Services for Ms. Aletha Faye Smith Kirchoff were held Sunday, January 3, 2010 at 2:30 p.m. at the Cook-Walden/Memorial Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations to the Alzheimer's Association in Faye's memory.

**Cook-Walden/Capital Parks
Funeral Home**